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By local teens, for local teens

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HOT TRACKS

TOP SONGS ON
 BILLBOARD'S MUSIC CHARTS

HOT 100

1. "Down"
Jay Sean
feat. Lil Wayne
2. "Party In The U.S.A."
Miley Cyrus
3. "Run This Town"
Jay-Z,
Rihanna,
and Kanye West



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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

1. "Revolution"
Miranda Lambert
2. "Fearless"
Taylor Swift
3. "The Foundation"
Zac Brown Band



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**ALTERNATIVE/
 MODERN ROCK**

1. "Uprising"
Muse
2. "Check My Brain"
Alice In Chains
3. "(If You're Wondering
 If I Want You To)
 I Want You To"
Weezer



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TOP ALBUMS

1. "Love Is The Answer"
Barbra Streisand
2. "Brand New Eyes"
Paramore
3. "Memoirs Of An
 Imperfect Angel"
Mariah Carey



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SOURCE: Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.,
 Billboard/AP



NAME:
 Taylor Fitzner
AGE: 17
SCHOOL:
 Belton
 High School
GRADE: 12
PARENTS:
 Penny and Paul Seiler
GRANDPARENTS:
 Warren and Sandra Richards,
 Frances and Michael Fitzner

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Accomplishments:
 Top 5 percent of
 his class.
 Involved in UIL
 Academics.
 National Honor
 Society.

Goals in Life:
 "I plan to attend Texas A&M University
 and get a degree in finance and continue
 my education at the University of
 Texas law school. After obtaining my law
 degree I plan to pursue a field in corporate
 law."
What's important to Taylor?
 "My family and friends are very import
 to me and I am very grateful to them for
 providing me with the support I need.
 My faith is also very important to me,
 giving me a moral compass to follow."

What's a teen to read?

BY NOORA AL-AHMADI
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The Harry Potter series has come to an end with its last installment "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," and the infamous "Twilight" series has been put on hiatus since its newest sequel has been leaked for public viewing before author Stephenie Meyer could even finish.

"So what do we read now?!" Most teens seem to be drawn to the same types of books. When they find a book or series they like it's all they want to read. Getting hooked on a specific book can be an amazing thing. Falling in love with a character and being pulled into the book with the hero or heroine is one of the greatest adventures a teenager can have.

So don't just stop because Harry is victorious and Bella is taking a break.

There are numerous shelves filled with amazing authors. A book doesn't have to have a movie dedicated to it for it to be worth reading. Many unknown books lost in the back of the store have been proven to be as good or even better than a New York Times best seller.

For example:
 ■ For your fantasy side "Wicked Lovely" is the first of a three-book series written by Melissa Marr. Explore a world in which fairies exist all around us and even rule our world with kings and queens and evil courts.

■ For those who haven't gotten their vampire fill from "Twilight," try biting into "Vampire Academy" by Richelle Mead. While it's not as popular a series, it is loved by those who have read it. It's a different vampire twist and is based a little less on love and more on friendship than the "Twilight" series.



Courtesy of Scholastic



Courtesy of Hachette Book Group

WHAT'S NEXT ?

■ The "City of Bones" series also seems to have taken the place of "Twilight" in the hearts and bookshelves of many young readers. If the best sellers list doesn't help, perhaps a teacher could suggest some-

thing.

With help from the English department at Belton High School, students in the advanced placement classes have been given the opportunity to read more renowned pieces of literature.

Although many students will moan and groan at the mention of English summer assignments, it is also a refreshing break from the world of wizards, goblins and masked villains.

For incoming ninth-graders, their English summer assignment was to read "The Count of Monte Cristo," while the sophomores had to read "Lord of the Flies."

The idea of reading for homework certainly makes them sound unappealing. But twisted romance and two-faced characters can be found in books on the homework list, as well as the top tween pick list.

Look past the cover, the name of the author and how many copies have been sold and just open the book. Because every book is worth trying. And if you don't like it, you can always try another.

Why don't you try ...

Book Review

'The Lovely Bones' by Alice Sebold

BY NATALIE FYFFE
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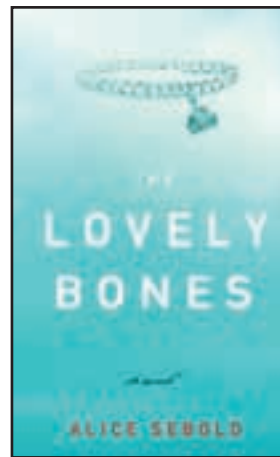
"The Lovely Bones" is a story that begins with a heart-wrenching premise, which fades into desperation and in the end leaves us with hope.

Susie Salmon's murder is the downfall of the Salmon family. The father, who becomes a desperate man, searches for answers to his daughter's mysterious disappearance. The mother, who tries every remedy to forget the loss of a daughter, abandons the family. The sister and brother would love their parents to

let go of the loss. While the family struggles with her murder, Susie watches them from her own perfect, intricate heaven, waiting for them to move on.

"The Lovely Bones" is a wonderfully written story. Alice Sebold weaves a story from a very interesting perspective, the perspective of the dead watching the living struggle. Some of the book is very gruesome and emotional but worthy of reading.

It is available in local bookstores and will soon become a major motion picture.



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This novel is slated for a December release on the big screen.

'Fame' is packed with entertainment

BY JEANNE-ANNE TYE
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Filled with impossible dance moves and awesome music, "Fame" is an interesting remake of an '80s classic.

Boasting teen stars, as well as actresses from the original film, this movie twists along the lives of several students at the New York City High School of Performing Arts. It's a good movie and has received high reviews.

"Fame" follows the typical ups and downs of a high school student finding his or herself within the pressures of succeeding. Going through breakups, make-ups, near-death experiences, betrayal, rebellion, failure and success seems almost normal for the extraordinary teens.

A pair of students fall deeply "in like," only to have it almost ruined by a smooth-talking classmate.

A trio of friends form a musical group, to the extreme disapproval of a girl's strict



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"Fame" dancers perform during a scene from the revamped version of the 1980s teen classic.

parents, who only want to keep her headed down the road of a classical pianist.

A wannabe film director gets conned out of big money by another smooth-talking faker.

Astounding disappointment comes as a blow to one dancer, who tries a dangerous experiment afterwards.

The original "Fame" came out in 1980, starring Debbie Allen as the dance teacher.

Allen appears in the new film as the principal.

Other cast members include: Megan Mullally, from the popular TV show "Will and Grace," who belts out songs with her beautiful voice; and Kay Panabaker, known for her Disney Channel Movie roll in "Read It and Weep."

I really enjoyed the movie and recommend it for anyone who likes music, dancing or the perils of teen drama.

